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MFA OFFICIAL SAID SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FINNISH-POLISH "FREE TRADE AGREEMENT" WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WARSAW NEXT WEEK. HE COMMENTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON FTA'S WITH POLAND AND ROMANIA HAD LAGGED BEHIND OTHER EE'S BECAUSE FINNS UNCONVINCED OF EFFECTIVENESS OF POLISH AND ROMANIAN TARIFFS. HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT FINNS MAY HAVE PRESSED POLES AND ROMANIANS FOR UNDERTAKING SIMILAR TO ARTICLE 9 OF FINNISH-GDR AGREEMENT, IN WHICH GDR AGREES TO PROVIDE FINNISH GOODS ADVANTAGES UNDER ITS ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT CORRESPOND TO FINNISH LIBERALIZATION MEASURES UNDER THE AGREEMENT. COMMENT: ROMANIANS AND PERHAPS POLES COULD BE EXPECTED TO RESIST ANY SUCH APPROACH AS DISPARAGING EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR TARIFFS.
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